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SUBJECT: PROPOSED IRS STUDY ON FUEL OIL SHORTAGE

REF: ROME 0421 (NOTAL), DHAHRAN 027 (NOTAL)

1. BRITISH AND JAPANESE CHARGE AMERICAN MULTINATIONALS WITH DELIBERATE DIVERSION OF ARAB OIL TO THE U.S. WE PRESUME THE FACTS ON THIS MATTER ARE ALREADY KNOWN TO OUR ENERGY OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON. IF "LEAKS" IN ARAB BOYCOTT ARE AS MUCH AS 700,000 B/D AS STATED PUBLICLY BY U.S. OFFICIALS, THIS CAN ONLY BE DONE BY OIL COMPANY DIVERSIONS.

2. IT SEEMS TO US AN AWKWARD MOMENT FOR IRS TO BE INVESTIGATING WHETHER AMERICAN OR OTHER OIL FIRMS ARE "CURRENTLY ENGAGING IN ANY PRACTICES DESIGNED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FUEL OIL SHORTAGE." WE PRESUME THAT THEY ARE DOING SO, BUT WE WOULD NOT THINK THAT PUBLIC CONFIDENTIAL

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CONFIRMATION OF THIS BY IRS WOULD BENEFIT THE U.S. IT WOULD CAUSE THE ARABS TO INCREASE THEIR EFFORTS AT CLOSING LOOPHOLES AND WOULD LEAD EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS AT LEAST TO TAKE COUNTER MEASURES

AGAINST OUR COMPANIES.

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